

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 3-4 and 7-13 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 3, 7-8, and 11-12 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Specification

In Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to informalities in the Specification. The relevant paragraphs of the Specification have been amended. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Objections to Claims 3, 7, 8, and 11

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to informalities in claims 3, 7, 8, and 11. Claims 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 have been amended to address the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is appreciatively noted that claims 4, 9, 10, and 13 are allowed.

It is also appreciatively noted that claims 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 3-4 and 7-13 are respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

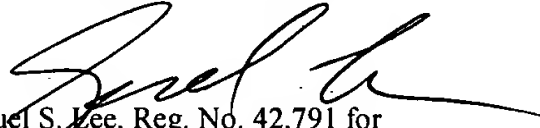
In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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